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The petition for a writ of certiorari was not timely filed. The judgment of the Court of Claims in this case was entered on March 23, 1977. Under 28 U.S.C. 2101(c), the petition for a writ of certiorari was due to be filed within ninety days after the entry of judgment, i.e., by June 21, 1977. The petition was not filed, however, until June 22, 1977 (a Wednesday). No extension of time was sought. The time limit specified by 28 U.S.C. 2101(c) is jurisdictional. Toledo Scale Co. v. Computing Scale Co., 261 U.S. 399, 418.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the petition for a writ of certiorari should be denied.

WADE H. McCree, Jr., Solicitor General.

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